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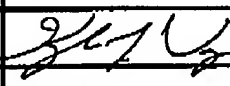
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In response to the final Office action dated February 10, 2006, please consider the following remarks. As this response is being submitted within two months of the date of the final Office action, the Assignee respectfully contends that the extension of time policy set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and MPEP § 714.13 pertaining to responses to final rejections applies to this response.